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LETTER DATED 16 SEPTEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our previous letters concerning violations by the Kuwaiti side of the terms of the cease-fire, I should like to inform you of fresh incidents of Kuwaiti violations during the period 15 August-8 September 1991. They are as follows:

1. 15 August 1991

(a) At 1006 hours, an aircraft flying at 600 kilometres per hour penetrated Iraqi airspace in the Safwan area to a depth of 35 kilometres in the direction of Basra.

(b) At 1255 hours, an aircraft flying at 600 kilometres per hour penetrated Iraqi airspace to a depth of 10 kilometres in the area to the east of Safwan.

(c) At 1345 hours, an aircraft flying at 600 kilometres per hour penetrated Iraqi airspace to a depth of 5 kilometres in the Safwan area and flew parallel to the border as far as Bubiyan Island.

(d) At 1406 hours, an aircraft flying at 600 kilometres per hour penetrated Iraqi airspace to a depth of 5-10 kilometres in the area west of Safwan. It then disappeared and reappeared to the south of Shu'aybah, 35 kilometres inside Iraqi airspace.

2. 17 August 1991

(a) At 1141 hours, an aircraft flying at 600 kilometres per hour penetrated Iraqi airspace to a depth of 70 kilometres in the Safwan area.

(b) At 1225 hours, two fighter aircraft flying at low altitude and at a speed of 400-500 kilometres per hour penetrated Iraqi airspace to a depth of 3 kilometres over the Makhfar al-Rahil area and then returned to Kuwaiti airspace.

(c) At 1314 hours, an aircraft flying at 600 kilometres per hour penetrated Iraqi airspace to a depth of 30 kilometrer. in the area to the west of Safwan.

3. 18 August 1991

(a) At 0850 hours, an aircraft flying at 600 kilometres per hour penetrated Iraqi airspace to a depth of 35 kilometres in the Safwan area.

(b) At 1328 hours, an aircraft flying at 600 kilometres per hour penetrated Iraqi airspace to a depth of 15 kilometres in the area to the north-east of Bubiyan.

4. At 2150 hours on 25 August 1991, the Kuwaiti control post at coordinates 614314 fired a number of shots in the direction of the Iraqi control post at coordinates 617318.

5. At 1430 hours on 8 September 1991, seven Kuwaiti Chevrolet pick-up trucks each carrying six persons and equipped with medium weapons of the BKC type pursued three civilian Iraqi vehicles to a depth of 5 kilometres inside Iraqi territory at geographical coordinates 952260. Two Scania vehicles and one pick-up truck were captured, and the vehicles and the persons concerned were taken inside Kuwaiti territory.

Such actions on the part of Kuwait constitute a flagrant violation of the provisions of the cease-fire between Iraq and Kuwait under Security Council resolution 687 (1991) and of the stipulations contained in the report of the Secretary-General establishing the terms of reference of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission.

In informing you of these violations, I request you to take the appropriate measures to bring them to a halt and to prevent any future recurrence, as required by the provisions of the Charter and the principles that it enshrines.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
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